IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS AUSTIN DIVISION

BERNHARDT TIEDE, II,	S	
Plaintiff,	S	
	S	
v.	S	CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:23-CV-01004
	S	
BRYAN COLLIER, ET AL.,	S	
Defendants.	S	

NOTICE CONCERNING REFERENCE TO UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

In accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. 626(c), Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 73, and the Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, the following party <u>Defendants TDCJ, OAG, Collier, Paxton, and Colmenero</u> through counsel <u>Abigail K. Carter:</u>

___ consent to having a United States Magistrate Judge preside over the trial in this case.

X decline to consent to trial before a United States Magistrate Judge.

Respectfully submitted.

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NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING

I, **ABIGAIL K. CARTER**, Assistant Attorney General of Texas, do hereby certify that I have electronically submitted for filing a true copy of the above Defendants' Notice Concerning Reference to United States Magistrate Judge in accordance with the Electronic Case Files System of the Western District of Texas, Austin Division, on February 15, 2024.

/s/ Abigail K. Carter

ABIGAIL K. CARTER

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, **ABIGAIL K. CARTER**, Assistant Attorney General of Texas, certify that a true copy of the above Defendants' Notice Concerning Reference to United States Magistrate Judge has been served by via email to all counsel of record through this Court's electronic filing system.

/s/ Abigail K. Carter

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